

# SIKKIM



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### **NOTIFICATION**

In partial modification of earlier Notification No. 54/Home/2021 dated 19/08/2021, the State Government is pleased to reconstitute the State Level Special Task Force (STF) in order to eliminate Single Use Plastic and to prepare a comprehensive action plan in Mission Mode, as under:

### **SPECIAL TASK FORCE (STF)**

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| 1. Chief Secretary                                                  | Chairman         |
| 2. Secretary-in-Charge of Urban Development Department              | Member           |
| 3. Secretary-in-Charge of Rural Development Department              | Member           |
| 4. Secretary-in-Charge of Commerce & Industries Department          | Member           |
| 5. Secretary-in-Charge of Forest & Environment Department           | Member           |
| 6. Secretary-in-Charge of Education Department                      | Member           |
| 7. Secretary-in-Charge of Information & Public Relations Department | Member           |
| 8. Secretary-in-Charge of Roads & Bridges Department                | Member           |
| 9. Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board                  | Member Secretary |
| 10. State Mission Director, Swachh Bharat Mission (Rural)           | Member Secretary |
| 11. State Mission Director, Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban)           | Member Secretary |

### **Terms of Reference of the Special Task Force shall be:**

1. To prepare a comprehensive action plan for implementation of Plastic Waste Management Rules (PWMR), 2016 and phasing out of Single Use Plastic (SUP) with identified activities and timelines.
2. To assess plastic waste generated in Sikkim in terms of collection, recycling, disposal and identifying gaps.

3. To strengthen regulatory mechanisms/structures for implementation of PWMR, 2016 and phasing out SUP including allocation of financial resources for Plastic Waste Management.
4. To take measures for effective enforcement of PWMR, 2016 as well as ban imposed on identified SUP items.
5. To develop policies for supporting adoption of alternatives to SUP.
6. To take measures in order to strengthen the Urban Local Bodies for segregation, collection, storage, transportation, processing and disposal of plastic waste.
7. To take measures for effective monitoring of implementation of PWMR, 2016.
8. To prepare a road map for awareness on PWM and reduction of use of SUP items.
9. To develop strategies for public movement/mitigation of plastic pollution involving education institutions, NGOs, NSS, NCC, etc.
10. The Special Task Force shall convene meeting once in every six months.
11. To explore ways to use the plastic waste collected by the Urban Local Bodies in construction of road as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

**By Order.**

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